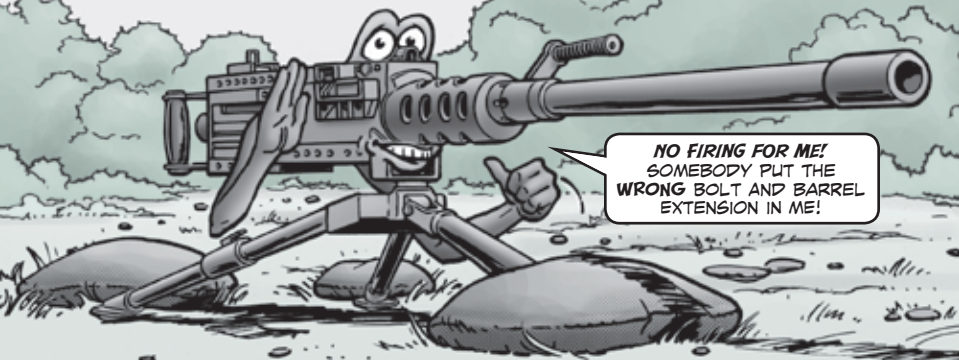


CORRECT BOLT AND BARREL EXTENSION?



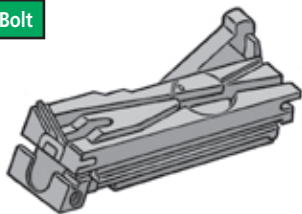
Dear Editor,

In our small arms repair shop, we are seeing a number of M2A1 machine guns with bolts and barrel extensions belonging to another M2A1.

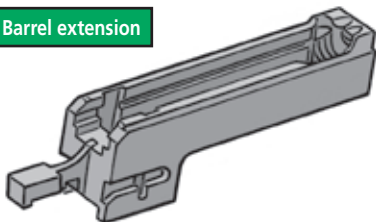
Unlike the old M2, the M2A1's bolt and barrel extension are headspaced to that specific weapon. If you fire an M2A1 with another M2A1's bolt and barrel extension, you risk injury to the crew and damage to the weapon.

It's easy to check. The bolt and barrel extension should be serialized with the last four digits of the weapon's serial number.

Bolt



Barrel extension



Make sure bolt and barrel extension have same last four digits of M2A1's serial number

Armorsmen should check all their M2A1s for the wrong bolts and barrel extensions. If you spot any, check to see if the correct bolt and barrel extension is with another M2A1 in the arms room.

No luck? Turn in the M2A1 to maintenance so it can be properly headspaced and the bolt and barrel extension can be renumbered.

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Editor's note: This is a critical check, armorsmen. Make sure your M2A1s don't leave the arms room with the wrong bolt and barrel extension. Thanks for the tip, Terry.